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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Alain Rambach <i>et al.</i>)	Group Art Unit: 1657
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Application No.: 10/528,824)	Examiner: Clark D. Petersen
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Filed: March 23, 2005)	
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For: Method of Detecting Methicillin-Resistant Microorganisms (as amended))	Confirmation No.: 6976
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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the listed documents on the attached form PTO SB/08. Some of the listed documents were identified to the European Patent Office in oppositions filed against corresponding European Patent No. EP 1543147 B1. Copies of the two oppositions (and a translation of the opposition in French) are enclosed. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination.

Copies of the listed foreign and non-patent literature documents are attached.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

Four of the cited references are in French. EP 1 543 147 B1 is the European patent corresponding to the instant application, thus Applicants have not submitted a translation.

The issued claims in English appear on page 7. WO 00/53799 in a PCT application

corresponding to U.S. Patent No. 6,548,268. The '268 patent has been cited previously during prosecution of this application. Accordingly, a translation is not provided. Applicants provide translations of the article by C. Mougeot *et al.* and "Milieux et Reactifs de Laboratoire Pasteur."

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicant determines that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

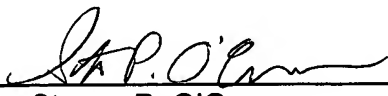
Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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